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SUBJECT: U.S. - MEXICAN ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION

1. DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY APPROACHING GOM TO INQUIRE INTO STATUS ITS REVIEW FOR APPROVAL OF ARRANGEMENTS AGREED TO BETWEEN POLLUTION CONTROL EXPERTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES AT DECEMBER 6-7 MEETING MEXICO CITY. DEPT. UNDERSTANDS THAT MINISTRY OF HEALTH OFFICIALS FORWARDED RESULTS OF MEETING TO FONOFF FOR ITS CONSIDERATION IN MID-DECEMBER. AS YET NO WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO ENABLE EITHER SIDE TO PROCEED.

2. EPA AND IBWC OFFICIALS WISH TO MOVE AHEAD ON AGREED ACTIVITIES BUT DO NOT WISH PROCEED WITHOUT GOM OKAY. SINCE DECEMBER MEETING ESTABLISHED JUNE THIS YEAR AS TARGET FOR INITIATING OR COMPLETING BROAD LIST OF ACTIONS,
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IT APPEARS ALREADY THAT GROUP WILL NOT MEET ITS AGREED

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TIMETABLE.

3. WE BELIEVE THIS FIRST JOINT STEP TO DEAL WITH OUR COMMON BOUNDARY POLLUTION PROBLEMS WOULD BE EXTREMELY BENEFICIAL TO BOTH COUNTRIES. SINCE IT INVOLVES ONLY STUDY AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DATA ON PROBLEMS OF CONCERN ON EACH SIDE, WE ARE NOT ABLE PERCEIVE GOOD REASON FOR HOLD UP. WE CONSIDER EXCHANGE WITHIN CONTEXT OF PRESIDENTIAL JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF JUNE, 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICIALS TO MEET TO CONSIDER COMMON PROBLEMS AND HENCE HOPE FOR MORE EXPEDITIOUS ACTION.

4. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND EMBASSY IN ITS APPROACH SHOULD POINT OUT OUR DISAPPOINTMENT FOR THIS LONG DELAY AND URGE GOM OFFICIALS TO SEEK APPROVAL SO THAT TECHNICAL LEVEL DISCUSSIONS MAY PROCEED. ON OTHER HAND, IF THERE ARE OVERRIDING REASONS FOR THE DELAY WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHAT THEY ARE.

5. IN VIEW FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE AND CURRENT BURDENS PLACED ON EMBASSY, DEPARTMENT DOES NOT REPEAT NOT EXPECT IMMEDIATE REPLY. RUSH

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